

Cases of Rabies Reported in Newfoundland and Labrador

1992

Date animal died	Animal	Place	Rabies Confirmed?	Human Contact?	Comments
Feb. 12	arctic fox	Hopedale	Yes	No	Found gnawing on komatik where caribou blood had spilled. Shot 5 miles N of Hopedale on ice.
February	red fox (silver)	Postville	Yes	No	Approached hunter, passive, outside Postville.
Feb. 10-14	red fox (cross)	Esker	Yes	No	Ran at some hunters paunching a caribou.
May 14	red fox	Cartwright	Yes	No	Found sick by road near airstrip, 2 km from town, killed with broomball stick.
May 14	red fox	Goose Bay	Yes	No	Hanging around military base residences, gnawing at concrete steps, shot by military police.
May 19	fox *	Rigolet	Yes	No	Fox strayed into town, fought with dogs, exhibiting ataxia, poor coat. Bit 3 dogs: fox & dogs shot.
May 20	red fox	Churchill Falls	Yes	No	Porcupine quills in mouth & exhibiting ataxia, shot by RNC.
May 20	fox *	Nain	Yes	No	Fox strayed into town looking confused & "scraggy". Hung around for a few days, bit a small dog. Fox & dog shot.
June 15	red fox	Rigolet	Yes	No	Fox strayed into town in afternoon, attacked 3 dogs, all dogs shot.
June 21	red fox	Lower Brook (Goose Bay)	Yes	No	Hanging around middle of road, chewing styrofoam, ataxic & frothing.
Sept. 5	red fox	Makkovik	Yes	No	Shot 20 miles N of Makkovik, chewing on chainsaw & rifle, tried to enter window of cabin, frothing.
Oct. 21/22	fox *	Labrador City	No	No	5-6 local dogs attacked by fox(es) or found with bite wounds, 1 dog euthanised, 5 in quarantine.
Oct. 22	red fox	Labrador City	Yes	No	Young boy shooting grouse by incinerator, fox approached boy, fox shot.

Oct. 23	red fox	Labrador City	Yes	No	Circling, biting tail, attacking vehicles at IOC.
Nov. 16 (?)	red fox	Labrador City	Yes	No	Shot at IOC.

Unless stated otherwise, all testing for rabies was done by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency or its predecessor department.

* Not stated whether red foxes or arctic foxes, in most cases they would be red foxes.

